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SUBJ: PROGRESS ON MOSCOW'S PROPOSED WORLD TRADE CENTER

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1. DURING CALL AT EMBASSY AUGUST 2 DR. ARMAND HAMMER TOLD ME HE THOUGHT HE HAD BROKEN DEADLOCK ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECTED MOSCOW WORLD TRADE CENTER BY OCCIDENTAL AND BECHTEL. COMMENTING THAT TALKS BETWEEN ALL-UNION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OCCIDENTAL AND BECHTEL HAD BEEN STALEMATED FOR SOME TIME, HAMMER EXPLAINED HE HAD RAISED ISSUE WITH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV, ASKING TO BE "EXCUSED FROM FURTHER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROJECT." ACCORDING TO HAMMER, PATOLICHEV RESPONDED BY SHIFTING NEGOTIATIONS FROM CHAMBER TO MOSSOVIET CHIEF PROMYSLOV, AND "MEETING OF THE MINDS" WAS REACHED AFTER PRESENTATION BY HAMMER OF FRESH PROPOSAL ON FOLLOWING DAY. PRINCIPLES AGREED UPON ARE STILL TO BE EMBODIED IN DETAILED WRITTEN ACCORD, BUT HAMMER NOW ESTIMATES THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL MOVE FORWARD AND THAT CENTER WILL OPEN DURING FIRST HALF OF 1977.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY REMAINS SKEPTICAL THAT FIRM

CONCLUSION CAN BE OBTAINED AS RAPIDLY AS INDICATED, TRADE
CENTER PROJECT HAS UNQUESTIONABLY RECEIVED MUCH-NEEDED
IMPETUS FROM HAMMER'S PERSONAL INTERVENTION.
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